

ABSOLUTE RATING: Average

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 80.

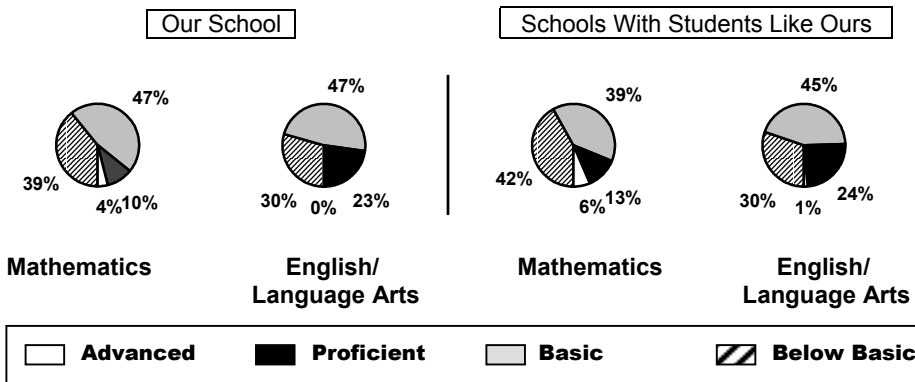
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=176)	70.5	60.8	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=5)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=171)	71.9	61.4		
Gender				
Male (n=88)	70.5	58		
Female (n=88)	70.5	63.6		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=103)	61.2	47.6		
Hispanic (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=72)	83.3	80.6		
Other (n=1)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=124)	66.1	57.3		
Pay for lunch (n=52)	80.8	69.2		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,555	N/A	\$5,474	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	86.7%	Down from 89%	89.8%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	11.9 to 1	N/A	18.4 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=295)				
• Attendance Rate	95%	Down from 96.6%	96%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	2.3%	N/A	6.2%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	2.3%	N/A	5.4%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	95.7%	Down from 100%	96.7%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	5.9%	Up from 3.1%	4.5%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=23)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	6.6 Days	Down from 7.5	7.5 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	92.9%	Down from 93.7%	95.1%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	39.1%	Down from 50%	42.1%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	73.9%	Up from 72%	80.7%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	4.3%	Down from 8%	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	73.9%	Down from 78.9%	86.1%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$34,565	Up 1.7%	\$36,171	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	66.7%	N/A	65%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	11	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	93%	N/A	96.4%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	52.3%	43.1%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	1.4%	No change	1.8%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	3	N/A	3	1
• Gifted and talented	1%	Down from 3%	7.8%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	4%	Down from 4.7%	9.5%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Greetings! We are excited about the progress being made at John C. Calhoun Elementary. Our teachers have worked hard to provide appropriate educational experiences and our students have worked hard to prepare themselves for the PACT test and the next grade level. Recent surveys of the faculty and 6th grade students provided the following results:

82.4% of teachers and 80% of students are satisfied with the learning environment

88.2% of teachers and 68.9% of students are satisfied with the social/physical environment

58.8% of teachers and 88.9% of students are satisfied with home/school relations

PACT results indicate significant growth in achievement in grades 2, 3, 4, and 6 over the previous year. CSAB results indicate that the readiness level of first grade students rebounded from 75% to 84%.

Our teachers worked very hard this year. We renewed our 5-year accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and we completed our 5-year school renewal plan. Our teachers also participated in various committees and workshops related to the implementation of standards in the classroom.

The PTO raised funds for various projects and needs identified by the School Improvement Council. In addition to making improvements to our physical facility and grounds, the PTO began a campaign to update our media center collections. Donations from several local businesses assisted in this ongoing campaign.

Our school also began implementing a school-wide discipline plan with consistent consequences and rewards for good behavior. During the school year, disciplinary referrals were decreased by 50% and out-of-school suspensions were reduced by 38%.

Parent involvement activities continue to be offered to encourage parent participation. Approximately 80% of parents picked up their children's report card on Report Card Pick-Up Day and 94% of parents attended at least one parent conference during the year.

Teamwork is vital to student success; we are glad that you are an integral part of the team.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	N/A	N/A	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	N/A	N/A	
Satisfied with home-school relations	N/A	N/A	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades K-6 Elementary School

Enrollment: 295 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001



School Grade:
Average

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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